

The government has been involved in the conversion to digital television with a special focus on high definition television broadcasting. I was excited by HDTV and was an relatively early purchaser of one. I then had to wait for the programing to be delivered. Unfortunately because of the 9/11 tradgity the NYC area was limited for many years by its choise of OTA HDTV broadcasts. I was a DirectTV subscriber and was excited when they started to include HDTV programing. But they offered only a few channels with no hope of any more being added. When I heard about VOOM I was very excited because of the choice of 39 HDTV channels. I quickly signed up and have been very happy with my choices. The service has had its start up technical problems & has had problems finding the best way to market the service, but I think that it will be able to take advantage of the growing interest in HDTV. All ready it has started causing the other satelite service providers to talk up their future HDTV plans (which are maybe a year away). I think it was unfortunate that Cablevision was not able to stay behind their start up HDTV service and decided to bail out. This prompted the sale deal with Ecostar. But now that VOOMHD is willing to take over the VOOM service and try to make it grow, then the sale to Ecostar should not be allowed so that VOOMHD can continue the this ambitious adventure in the fight of providing competition to benifit the consumer.